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SUBJ: JOURNALISTS AND BROADCASTERS ON STRIKE

1. NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE RENEWAL OF NATIONAL CONTRACTS COVERING THE INFORMATION MEDIA BROKE DOWN TODAY. THE THREE UNIONS INVOLVED HAVE CALLED A SERIES OF STRIKES. ALL DAILY PAPERS, PERIODICALS AND NEWS AGENCIES WILL BE ON STRIKE FOR FOUR DAYS DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER 14 TO 22. THE BROADCAST MEDIA ARE ALSO BEING STRUCK FOR A SIMILAR PERIOD OF TIME.

2. COMMENT: THE UNIONS ARE DEMANDING A FLAT INCREASE OF 65,000 LIRE (APPROX. \$100) PER MONTH FOR ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE SECTOR. THE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS, AWASH IN RED INK, ARE PARTICULARLY LOATH TO GRANT THE UNION DEMAND. MEDIATORY ATTEMPTS BY THE NEW MINISTER OF LABOR, TOROS, CAN BE EXPECTED. VOLPE

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